

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 Disclosed herein is an angular optical component retention and removal system that reduces
2 the amount of space needed to accommodate fiber optic cables and enables optical components to be
3 quickly and easily inserted, retained, and removed from an optical communications system. The
4 optical component retention and removal system may include a single or plural angular retention
5 sections that retain optical components in an angular orientation through a faceplate. The system
6 may further include an insertion/retention mechanism that enables an optical component to be
7 inserted and removed with a single hand. With the system, fiber optic cables extend at an angle from
8 the optical components, requiring less clearance space in front of the faceplate for provision of the
9 fiber optic cables.